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Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY 2021-00039)

Dear Ms. Rhatigan:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number DON-Navy-2021-00039, received by this office on October 15, 2020, for information pertaining to a copy of the Report of Investigation concerning your claim of retaliation.

The following document is provided as responsive to your request: the Report of Investigation with Enclosures with redactions made in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

In accordance with Navy policy, there are no fees associated with your request.

I am the official responsible for this response to your request. If you have any questions, please contact my paralegal, Ms. Elaine MacDonald, at elaine.macdonald@nps.edu or (831) 656-3610.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received (i.e., post-marked if by mail, sent if by email, submitted if by FOIAonline) within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request;
- a copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to elaine.macdonald@nps.edu or Staff Judge Advocate, Naval Postgraduate School, Hermann Hall Room 127D, Monterey, CA 93943.

There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top

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in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy,
Office of the General Counsel,
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the Naval Postgraduate School FOIA coordinator at elaine.macdonald@nps.edu or (831) 656-3610. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Murray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

S. A. MURRAY
CDR, JAGC, USN
By Direction